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| TRAN M. NGUYEN, et al.    | § | <b><i>Amendment After Final</i></b>         |
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| METAL AND AMINE REMOVAL   | § | Examiner: JOHN C. DOUGLAS                   |
| IN REFINERY DESALTING     | § | Docket No.: 194-29741-US                    |
| PROCESSES                 | § | Date: November 21, 2007                     |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed September 21, 2007, for the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the claims and the status of all claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.

No fee is believed necessary for the entry of this Amendment since it is being submitted within 3 months of the Office Action and no new claims have been added. Nevertheless, in an abundance of caution, if a fee is necessary for the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (194-29741-US) (Baker Hughes Incorporated).